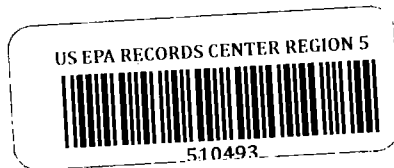




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RE: SME Cement
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Site recommendation

SITE ASSESSMENT SECTION

Ms. Jeanne Griffin
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Dear Ms. Griffin:

This letter is written with respect to the Focused Site Inspection Prioritization (FSIP) to be performed on the Standard Machine & Equipment (SME) Cement facility in Stark County, Ohio. Following a thorough review of information concerning the site and a visual site inspection, it is our opinion that SME Cement is not of National Priorities List (NPL) caliber and an FSIP is not necessary to characterize the site. The rationale for this opinion is outlined in this letter.

The site has been in operation under various owners since 1878. SME Cement and several previous owners produced Portland cement by mining the Putnam Hill Limestone from an on-site quarry. SME Cement was purchased by Essroc Materials Inc. on February 27, 1990. Essroc currently operates the facility but no longer extracts limestone from the quarry. Essroc presently produces Portland cement using raw materials that are trucked to the plant from off-site suppliers.

One of the two areas of concern for the site consists of brine dumping on quarry roads running between the plant and the quarry. Brine dumping on quarry roads occurred under past owners until the early 80's. This brine dumping was done to suppress the dust kicked-up by quarry traffic to and from the plant. Essroc now uses water to suppress the dust produced by vehicles in the plant area. The road leading from the plant area to the quarry is now asphalt covered and used for a minimal amount of traffic.

The second area of concern deals with an oil leak from a transformer which contained polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). This incident occurred when a transformer was struck by a forklift. The spilled oil, approximately thirty gallons, was contained on a concrete floor and was subsequently cleaned-up. All necessary paperwork for the disposal of the drum containing the spilled oil was completed with OEPA approval.

No analytical data is available nor do we feel any is needed to characterize the site. In addition, the facility has never handled CERCLA regulated wastes.



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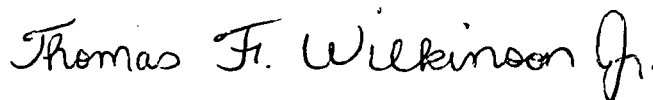
In conclusion, OEPA feels the site is not a potential NPL candidate but will remain on the OEPA Master Sites List (MSL) for future oversight.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at (216) 963-1219 if you have any questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,



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